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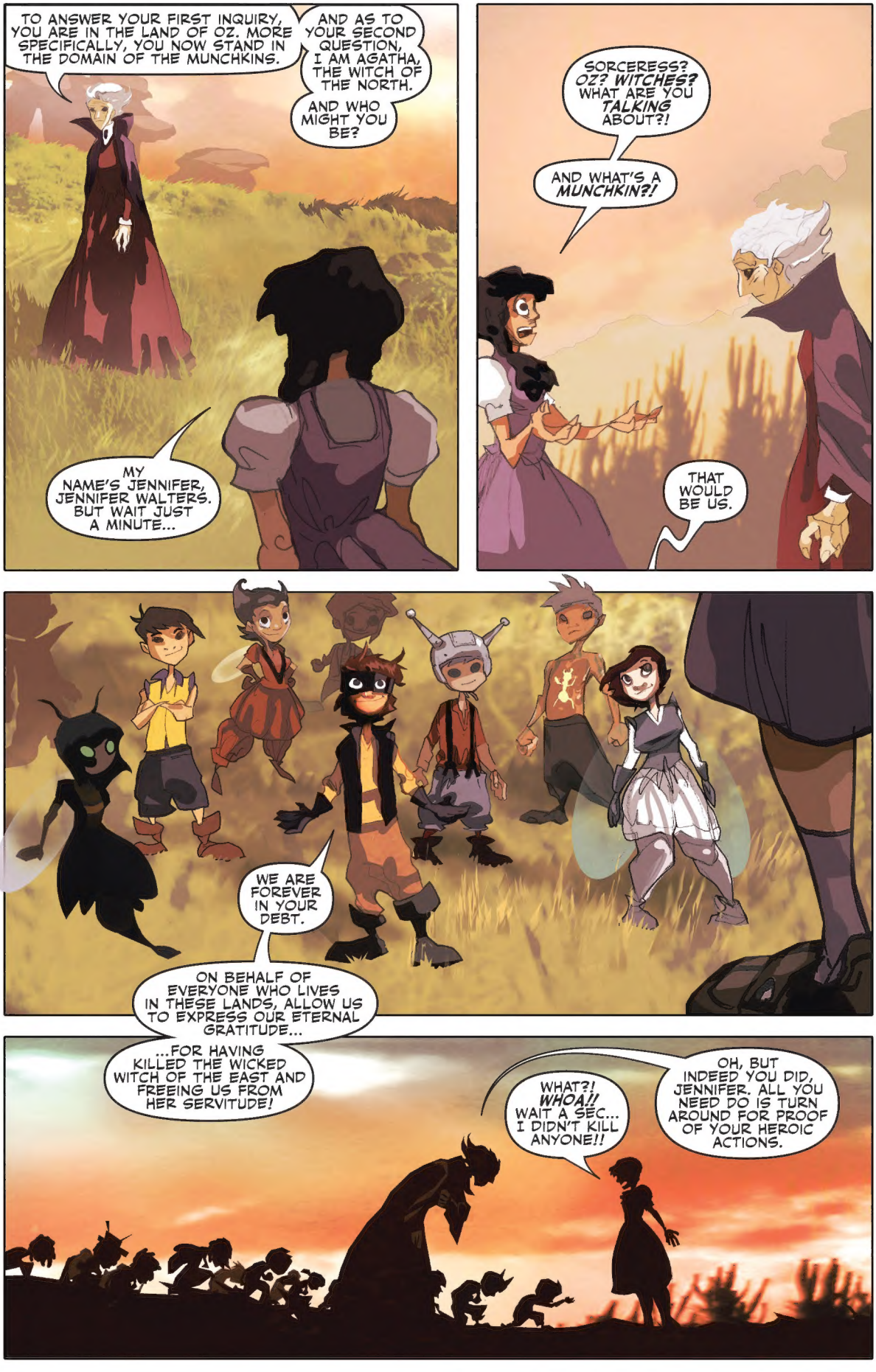
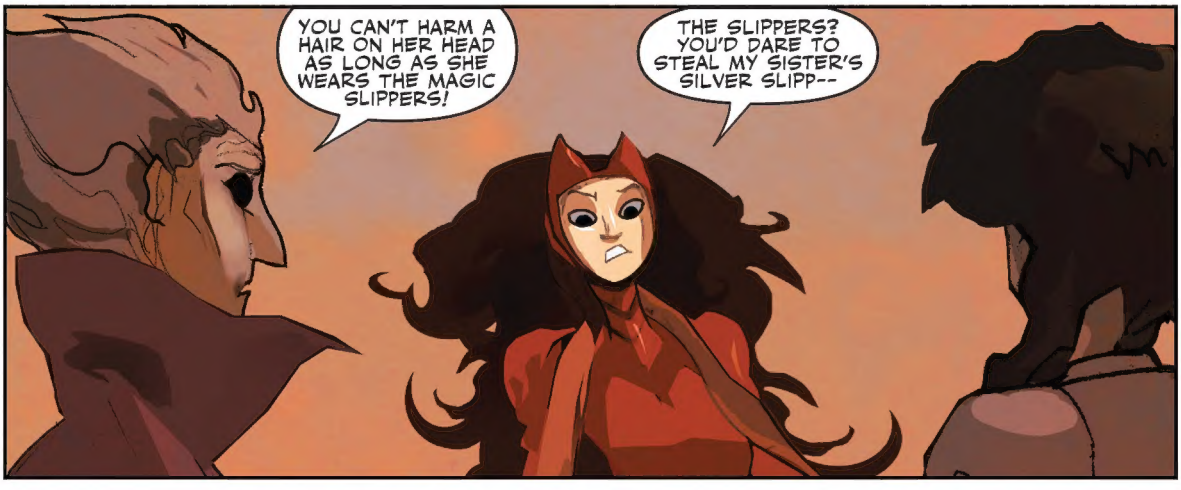
AVENGERS MANSION,
HOME TO EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES.
SHE-HULK!
WHERE'S THE WASP? IT'S PAYBACK TIME FOR THAT LITTLE BUG!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND ATTACKING AVENGERS MANSION, WHIRLWIND?!
I KNOW CAPTAIN AMERICA, IRON MAN AND THOR AIN'T HERE! FIGURED I COULD HANDLE THE BUNCH OF YOUSE SECOND-RATE HEROES.
SECOND-RATE?! LOOKS WHO'S TALKING, YOU HUMAN TOP!
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT REAL POWER IS!
I BEEN TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE REAL HULK, SWEETCHEEKS! HIS CHICK COUSIN DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME!
WHOOSH
OH, I'M GONNA SO CRUSH YOU BETWEEN MY SWEET--
WUMP
UNNNFFF...

OOOHHH...
WHAT HAPPENED...?!
WHERE AM I?
ALLOW ME TO BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE, MOST NOBLE SORCERESS.

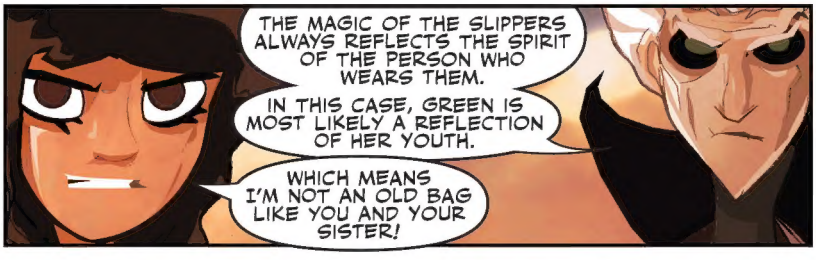

TO ANSWER YOUR FIRST INQUIRY, YOU ARE IN THE LAND OF OZ. MORE SPECIFICALLY, YOU NOW STAND IN THE DOMAIN OF THE MUNCHKINS.
AND AS TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, I AM AGATHA, THE WITCH OF THE NORTH.
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
MY NAME'S JENNIFER, JENNIFER WALTERS. BUT WAIT JUST A MINUTE...
SORCERESS? *OZ? WITCHES?* WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?!
AND WHAT'S A *MUNCHKIN?!*
THAT WOULD BE US.
WE ARE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT.
ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THESE LANDS, ALLOW US TO EXPRESS OUR ETERNAL GRATITUDE...
...FOR HAVING KILLED THE WICKED WITCH OF THE EAST AND FREEING US FROM HER SERVITUDE!
WHAT?! *WHOA!!* WAIT A SEC... I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE!!
OH, BUT INDEED YOU DID, JENNIFER. ALL YOU NEED DO IS TURN AROUND FOR PROOF OF YOUR HEROIC ACTIONS.

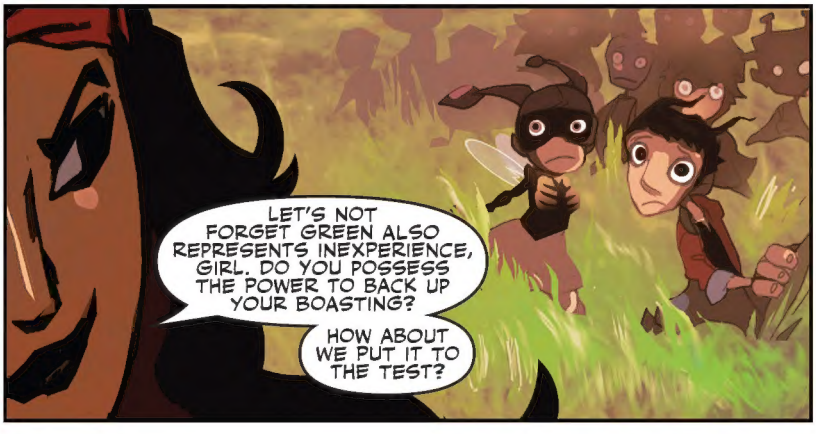
THERE, THERE NOW, DON'T FEEL BAD, MY DEAR. BY USING YOUR MAGICAL POWERS TO DROP THE HOUSE ON HER, YOU'VE SET THESE PEOPLE FREE!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MAGICAL POWERS!
DON'T BE SILLY, JENNIFER, WE ALL HAVE POWER INSIDE US.
BUT, I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HER!!
IT WAS YOU WHO KILLED MY SISTER?!
YOU'LL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS, LITTLE GIRL!
WHO--?
WANDA, THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST! QUICKLY, JENNIFER, PUT ON THOSE SLIPPERS!!
THE SLIPPERS?! OFF THE DEAD WITCH'S FEET? EWWWW...WHAT GOOD WILL THEY DO ME?
SHE'LL BE POWERLESS AGAINST YOU AS LONG AS YOU WEAR THEM!

WHY DID YOU KILL HER? WHAT DID SHE EVER DO TO YOU?
I'M SORRY. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL ANYBODY.
WELL, MY LITTLE PRETTY, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN "CAUSE ACCIDENTS."


YOU CAN'T HARM A HAIR ON HER HEAD AS LONG AS SHE WEARS THE MAGIC SLIPPERS!
THE SLIPPERS? YOU'D DARE TO STEAL MY SISTER'S SILVER SLIPP--

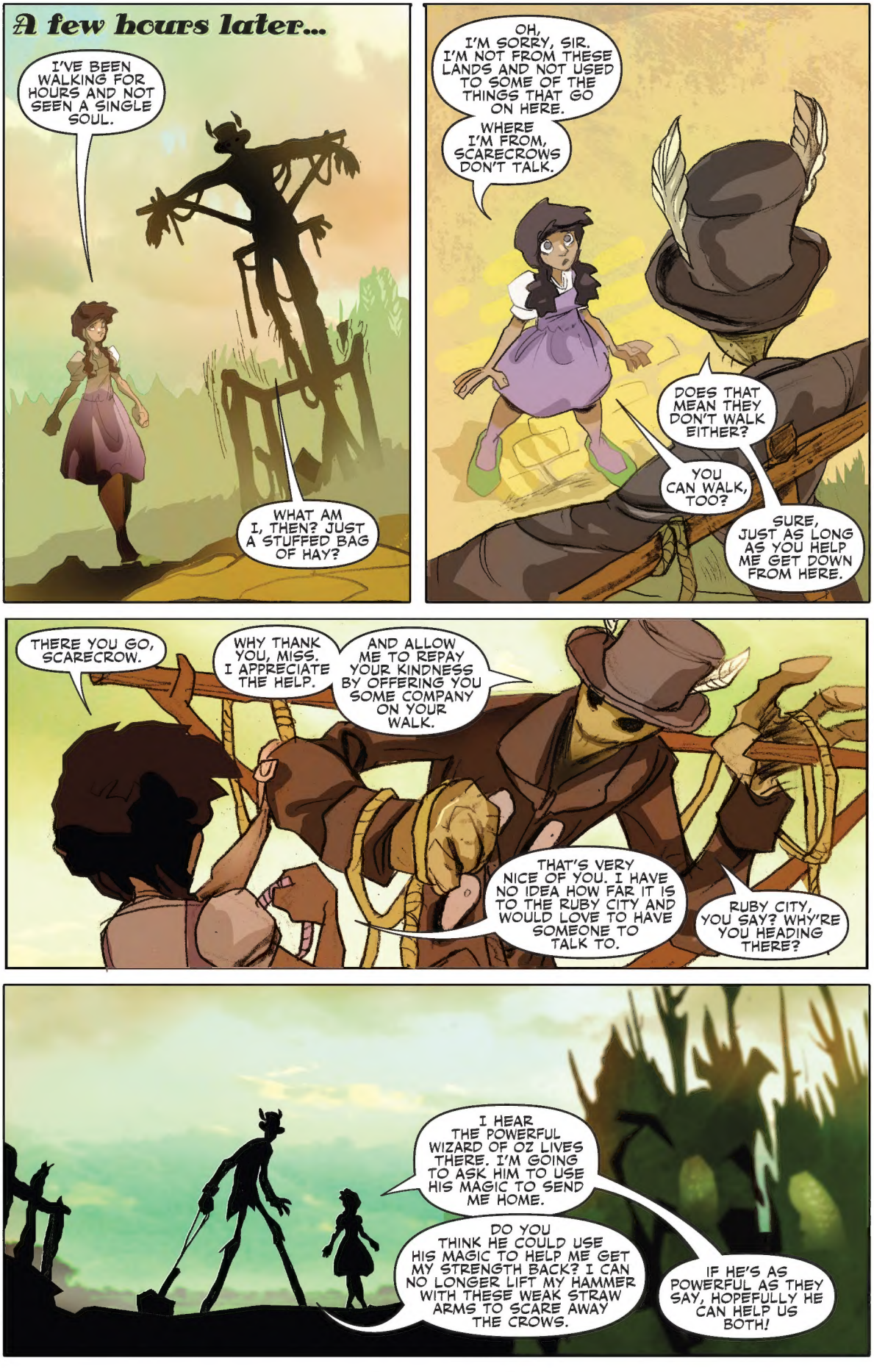
GREEN?! WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?!

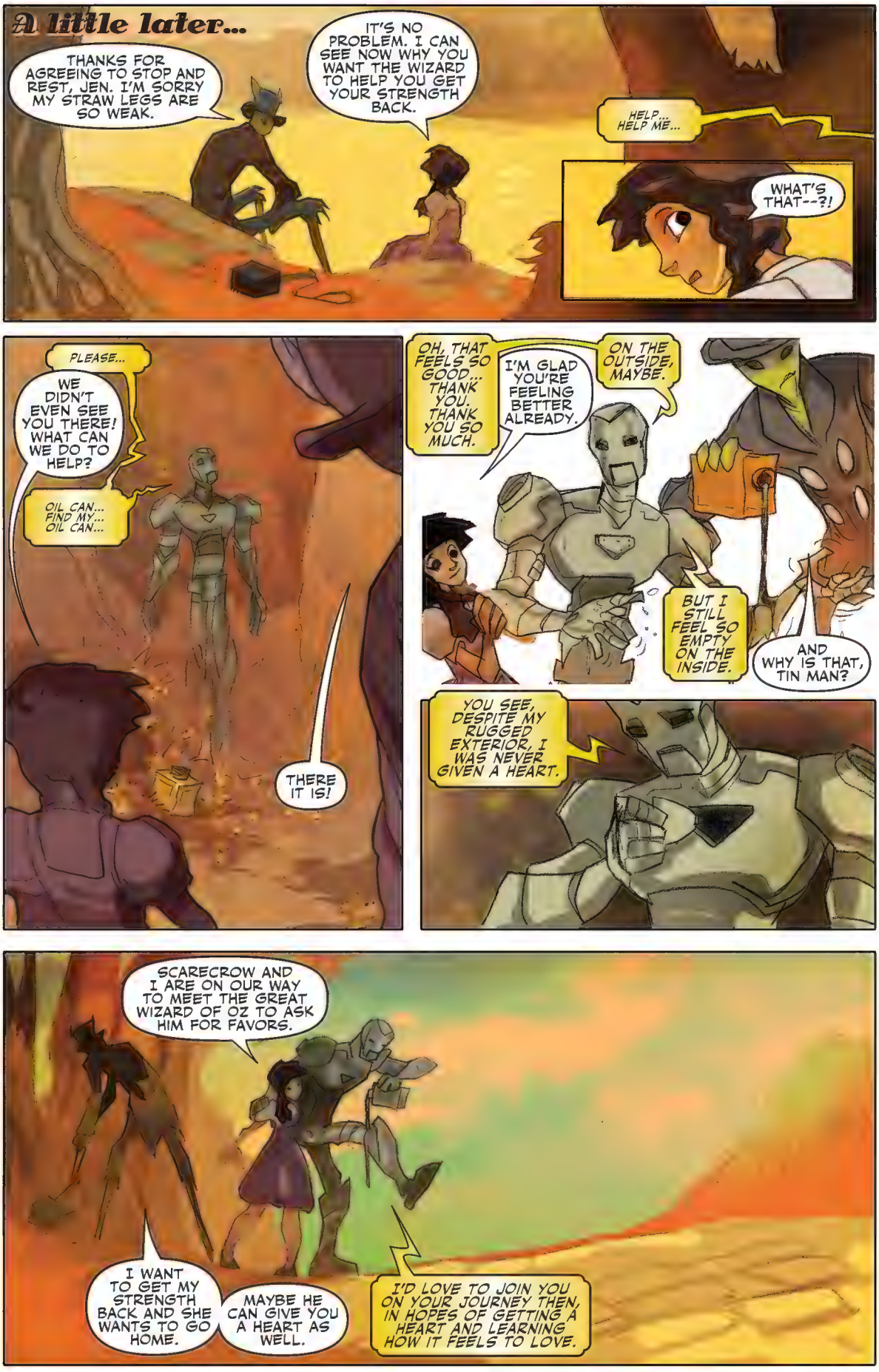

THE MAGIC OF THE SLIPPERS ALWAYS REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF THE PERSON WHO WEARS THEM.
IN THIS CASE, GREEN IS MOST LIKELY A REFLECTION OF HER YOUTH.
WHICH MEANS I'M NOT AN OLD BAG LIKE YOU AND YOUR SISTER!


LET'S NOT FORGET GREEN ALSO REPRESENTS INEXPERIENCE, GIRL. DO YOU POSSESS THE POWER TO BACK UP YOUR BOASTING?
HOW ABOUT WE PUT IT TO THE TEST?

HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED YOUR NEWFOUND FREEDOM WHILE IT LASTED!
NO MORE MUNCHKINS.
FWWWASH
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HOW COULD YOU?! YOU...YOU WITCH!! I'LL-- I'LL--
YOU'LL WHAT, DEARIE? EVEN WITH THOSE SHOES, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE THE POWER TO STOP ME!
SO WHY NOT TAKE THEM OFF AND HAND THEM OVER SO I CAN MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER AGAIN?
NEVER!
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HARM YOU WHILE YOU WEAR THEM NOW, BUT I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE THEM MINE!
I'LL HAVE VENGEANCE FOR MY SISTER YET!!

I'VE BEEN HERE BARELY TEN MINUTES AND LOOK AT THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED!
I JUST WANNA GO HOME.
HAVING MADE AN ENEMY OF THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST, LEAVING OZ MAY INDEED BE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR YOU.
BUT HOW? I'D LIKE NOTHING MORE! ALTHOUGH I FEEL GUILTY LEAVING WITHOUT TRYING TO SAVE THE MUNCHKINS FIRST.
THEN PERHAPS THERE'S A WAY FOR YOU TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH.
REALLY?
YES, BUT THE PATH WILL BE DANGEROUS.
THIS ROAD PAVED IN YELLOW BRICK LEADS TO RUBY CITY, THE HOME OF THE GREAT *WIZARD OF OZ* HIMSELF.
HE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL THE REST OF US. PERHAPS HE CAN HELP YOU, JENNIFER.
WILL YOU COME WITH ME?
NO, MY DEAR, I'M AFRAID THIS IS A JOURNEY YOU MUST BEGIN ON YOUR OWN.
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING, AGATHA. PLEASE KNOW I DIDN'T MEAN FOR ANY OF THIS TO HAPPEN.
I KNOW THAT, JENNIFER, JUST AS I KNOW THAT IT'S IN YOUR POWER TO SET THINGS RIGHT.
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS!
MAYBE YOU JUST HAVEN'T FOUND THEM YET.


A few hours later...
I'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS AND NOT SEEN A SINGLE SOUL.
WHAT AM I, THEN? JUST A STUFFED BAG OF HAY?
OH, I'M SORRY, SIR. I'M NOT FROM THESE LANDS AND NOT USED TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GO ON HERE.
WHERE I'M FROM, SCARECROWS DON'T TALK.
DOES THAT MEAN THEY DON'T WALK EITHER?
YOU CAN WALK, TOO?
SURE, JUST AS LONG AS YOU HELP ME GET DOWN FROM HERE.
THERE YOU GO, SCARECROW.
WHY THANK YOU, MISS. I APPRECIATE THE HELP.
AND ALLOW ME TO REPAY YOUR KINDNESS BY OFFERING YOU SOME COMPANY ON YOUR WALK.
THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW FAR IT IS TO THE RUBY CITY AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO.
RUBY CITY, YOU SAY? WHY'RE YOU HEADING THERE?
I HEAR THE POWERFUL WIZARD OF OZ LIVES THERE. I'M GOING TO ASK HIM TO USE HIS MAGIC TO SEND ME HOME.
DO YOU THINK HE COULD USE HIS MAGIC TO HELP ME GET MY STRENGTH BACK? I CAN NO LONGER LIFT MY HAMMER WITH THESE WEAK STRAW ARMS TO SCARE AWAY THE CROWS.
IF HE'S AS POWERFUL AS THEY SAY, HOPEFULLY HE CAN HELP US BOTH!


A little later...
THANKS FOR AGREEING TO STOP AND REST, JEN. I'M SORRY MY STRAW LEGS ARE SO WEAK.
IT'S NO PROBLEM. I CAN SEE NOW WHY YOU WANT THE WIZARD TO HELP YOU GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK.
HELP... HELP ME...
WHAT'S THAT--?!
PLEASE...
WE DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU THERE! WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?
OIL CAN... FIND MY... OIL CAN...
THERE IT IS!
OH, THAT FEELS SO GOOD... THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER ALREADY.
ON THE OUTSIDE, MAYBE.
BUT I STILL FEEL SO EMPTY ON THE INSIDE.
AND WHY IS THAT, TIN MAN?
YOU SEE, DESPITE MY RUGGED EXTERIOR, I WAS NEVER GIVEN A HEART.
SCARECROW AND I ARE ON OUR WAY TO MEET THE GREAT WIZARD OF OZ TO ASK HIM FOR FAVORS.
I WANT TO GET MY STRENGTH BACK AND SHE WANTS TO GO HOME.
MAYBE HE CAN GIVE YOU A HEART AS WELL.
I'D LOVE TO JOIN YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY THEN, IN HOPES OF GETTING A HEART AND LEARNING HOW IT FEELS TO LOVE.

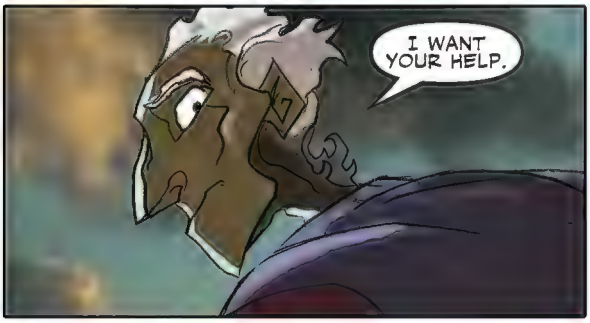
HOW MUCH FARTHER TILL WE'RE OUT OF THESE WOODS?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I REALLY DON'T LIKE IT HERE.
IT'S NOT MUCH FARTHER NOW. STAY STRONG.
IF ONLY I COULD.
ROOAARR
RRRRROOOOOAAADRRR
EEK!
OH MY!
SHAME ON YOU! HOW DARE YOU SCARE US LIKE THAT?
SMAK
OWWWW. OWWWW.
I'M SORRY. PLEASE DON'T HIT ME AGAIN.
I APOLOGIZE, BUT SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH.
WISH I HAD THAT PROBLEM...
BULLIES LIKE YOU ARE REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN COWARDS!
THE KING OF BEASTS IS COWARDLY? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
I'M AFRAID I LOST MY COURAGE LONG AGO.
WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG WITH US TO SEE THE WIZARD, THEN?
HE'S GOING TO GIVE ME A HEART AND THE SCARECROW HIS STRENGTH BACK.
MAYBE HE CAN HELP YOU, TOO.
THEN IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL GO WITH YOU.
JUST LET ME GET MY NERVE UP FIRST...

WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THE FOREST.
IT SHOULDN'T BE MUCH FARTHER TO THE RUBY CITY NOW.
LOOK, THERE IT IS!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! COME ON, LET'S GO!
WISHES, HERE WE COME!
MASTER, THE FOUR STRANGERS APPROACH OUR WALLS.
LET THEM COME. I WISH TO MEET THIS WITCH WHO KILLED MY DAUGHTER!

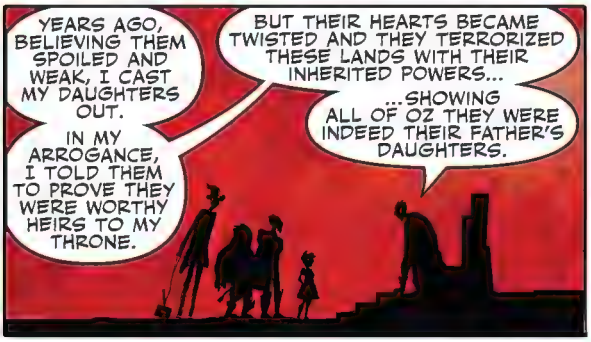
WOW.
WHAT DO YOU WISH IN THE RUBY CITY?
WHO--?
OH--WE WISH TO SEE THE GREAT AND POWERFUL WIZARD OF OZ.
THE WIZARD DOES NOT SEE JUST ANYONE. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REQUEST?
WE ALL HAVE WISHES WE'D LIKE GRANTED.
WISHES, YOU SAY? VERY WELL. FOLLOW ME AND WE WILL SEEK AN AUDIENCE.
I THINK THE WIZARD WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELVES...
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
IT'S EMPTY IN HERE, LIKE A GHOST TOWN.
GHOSTS? I'M NOT SO SURE I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.
DON'T WORRY, MY FRIEND, THERE'S NO ONE HERE WHO CAN HARM YOU.
OH, I WOULD BEG TO DIFFER...
I AM THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE WIZARD OF OZ!
AND I KNOW WHY YOU'VE COME TO SEE ME.
YOU DO? OH, THAT'S JUST WONDER--
YOU'RE HERE TO CONFESS AND ATONE FOR YOUR CRIMES.
OUR CRIMES?
THE MURDER OF MY DAUGHTER, THE WITCH OF THE EAST.
SHE WAS YOUR DAUGHTER?

YES, HER NAME WAS PIETRA. ONE OF MY TWO CHILDREN...
...WHO YOU HAVE NOW TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.
PLEASE, OH GREAT OZ, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT!
THEY SAY I DROPPED A HOUSE ON HER BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS LIKE THAT AND--
ENOUGH! I KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

UNLIKE MY OTHER DAUGHTER, WANDA, I'M NOT ON A QUEST FOR VENGEANCE OVER PIETRA'S DEATH.
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE FROM YOU.
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE, SIR?


I WANT YOUR HELP.

MY HELP?
YES, I WANT YOU TO BRING MY WANDA BACK TO ME.
EXCUSE ME?


YEARS AGO, BELIEVING THEM SPOILED AND WEAK, I CAST MY DAUGHTERS OUT.
IN MY ARROGANCE, I TOLD THEM TO PROVE THEY WERE WORTHY HEIRS TO MY THRONE.
BUT THEIR HEARTS BECAME TWISTED AND THEY TERRORIZED THESE LANDS WITH THEIR INHERITED POWERS...
...SHOWING ALL OF OZ THEY WERE INDEED THEIR FATHER'S DAUGHTERS.

I'VE COME TO REGRET ALL THAT I'VE DONE, HOWEVER, AND LONG WISHED FOR MY DAUGHTERS' RETURN TO MAKE PEACE WITH THEM.
I'LL NEVER HAVE THAT CHANCE WITH PIETRA NOW, BUT WITH YOUR HELP, MAYBE I CAN GET MY WANDA BACK.
BUT HOW? SHE CLEARLY HATES ME.
BECAUSE YOU REMIND HER OF HERSELF.
AT HEART SHE'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL WHO WANTS TO GO HOME.

YOU'VE TAKEN ONE DAUGHTER FROM ME, BUT NOW YOU CAN MAKE AMENDS.
IF YOU CAN DO THIS FOR ME, I PROMISE I SHALL GRANT YOU ALL YOUR WISHES.
HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST YOU?
I AM THE WIZARD OF OZ-- AND YOU HAVE MY WORD.

--AND YOU HAVE MY WORD.
WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE...FATHER SENDS THE GIRL AND HIS OTHER MINIONS TO DO HIS BIDDING, BUT HE WON'T FACE ME *HIMSELF?!* WHAT KIND OF WEAK WITCH DOES HE THINK I AM?
I'LL SHOW DEAR OLD DADDY EXACTLY HOW I STILL FEEL ABOUT HIM!
THOSE MAGIC SLIPPERS MAY PROTECT THAT GIRL ACROSS MOST OF OZ, BUT AS SOON AS SHE SETS FOOT IN MY WESTERN DOMAIN, THAT SPELL WILL BE BROKEN!
QUICKLY, MUTANT-- GATHER YOUR BROTHERS AND TAKE TO THE SKY! FIRST WE'LL KILL THE GIRL AND HER FRIENDS, AVENGING MY SISTER'S DEATH.
THEN MY FATHER WILL GET HIS WISH-- WHEN WE PAY HIM A VISIT AND SETTLE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SKREE
VENGEANCE WILL BE MINE!
SKREE SKREE
SKREE SKREE SKREE
SKREE SKREE

THE HAUNTED WOODS OF THE WEST...
I'M NOT SO SURE I LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS.
LIKE WE HAVEN'T HEARD THAT BEFORE...
DON'T BE SCARED, LION. AS LONG AS WE STICK TOGETHER, I'M SURE WE'LL BE FINE.

SPOK

DESTROY THEM ALL!
SKREE
HSSS

STAY BEHIND ME! THEY CAN'T HARM MY METAL BODY!
SKREE SKREE
SKREE SKREE SKREE
YOU WON'T GET THROUGH ME!
SKREE
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SKREE SKREE
SKREE SKREE
I WON'T LET THEM TAKE Y-- NO!
NOOOOO!
KA-CLANG
I KNEW THIS WAS A BAD IDEA.
I LET HIM DOWN. MY BODY WAS TOO WEAK. I FAILED HIM...

I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN! I MAY BE WEAK, BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME FROM STANDING UP FOR MY FRIENDS!
SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE
GET BACK, YOU FOUL BEASTS!
SAVE THE SCARE TACTICS FOR YOUR CROWS!
FWAASSH
NO! I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO ON... I HAVE THE STRENGTH...
I'M SORRY... I LET YOU... DOWN...MY FRIENDS...
SKREE SKREE
SKREE SKREE
NOT YOU TOO, SCARECROW!
ROOOOARRRR

I CANNOT SIT BY AND LET MY FRIENDS FIGHT MY BATTLES FOR ME!
SKREE
SKREE
ROOHRR
SKREE SKREE
CHOK
CHOK
CHOK
SKREE
SKREE
SKREE
CHOK
HERE'S SOMETHING TO ENSURE YOU STAY COWARDLY... AND CUDDLY.
FWAASSH
mew?

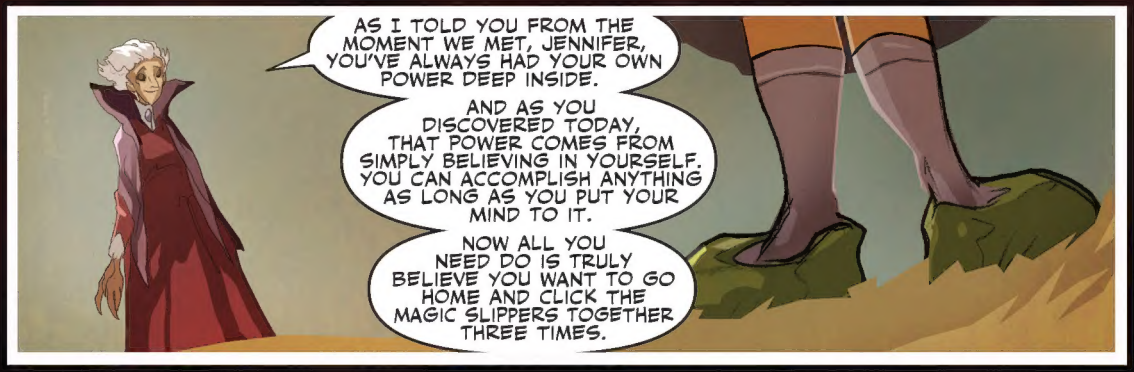
I TOLD YOU I'D SEEK PAYBACK FOR MY SISTER!
AS LONG AS I STILL WEAR THESE SLIPPERS, YOU CAN'T HARM ME!
THAT SPELL WAS BROKEN AS SOON AS YOU ENTERED MY LANDS, GIRL. THE MAGIC IS GONE!
HAHAHA
YOU'RE POWERLESS AGAINST ME!
I DON'T CARE! AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO MY FRIENDS-- I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!
WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?
JUST AS THEY OVERCAME THEIR WEAKNESSES BY LOOKING WITHIN THEMSELVES...
...MY POWER HAS ALWAYS BEEN INSIDE OF ME!
NOOOOO!! STOP! LET GO OF ME!
WHAM
OOF!

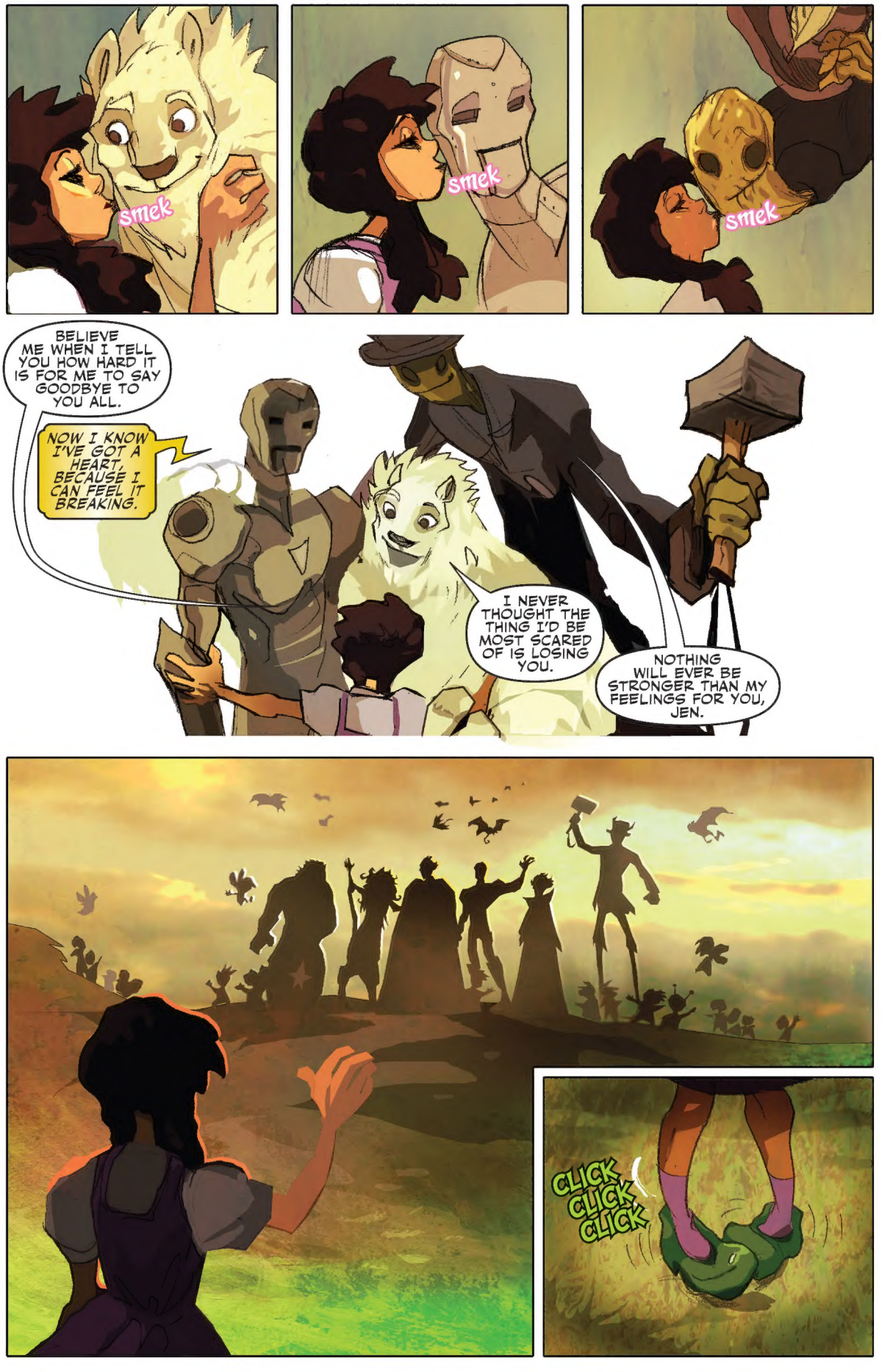
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!
NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.
OH, I HAVE NO DOUBT YOU WILL!
NOW, FIRST USE YOUR MAGIC TO FIX MY FRIENDS!
ALRIGHT, ANYTHING. HERE, WATCH...
FWASH
THERE, THERE. GOOD AS NEW. NOW PLEASE LET ME GO!
NOT YET. NEXT, THE MUNCHKINS.
VERY WELL.
MUNCHKINS...
FWASH
HOORAY!
AND ONE MORE THING...

PLEASE FORGIVE YOUR FOOL OF A FATHER, WANDA.
I WAS WRONG TO DO WHAT I DID TO YOU, AND I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR HATRED OF ME. BUT CAN'T WE TRY TO FINALLY PUT THE PAST BEHIND US?
GIVEN ALL WE'VE LEARNED POSSIBLE TODAY, CAN YOU NOT FIND IT WITHIN YOUR POWER...
...TO FORGIVE?

OH, DADDY, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I DO FORGIVE YOU!

AND I BELIEVE I'VE LIVED UP TO MY WORD TO ALL OF YOU.
BY STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF, YOU DISCOVERED THE STRENGTH THAT COMES WITH SELF-WORTH, SCARECROW.
BY SACRIFICING YOURSELF TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS, TIN MAN, YOU'VE PROVEN YOU HAVE MORE HEART THAN ANY MAN COULD HOPE FOR.
AND WHEN ALL HOPE WAS LOST, YOU OVERCAME YOUR FEARS AND SUMMONED THE COURAGE INSIDE YOU, LION.
BUT WHAT ABOUT ME? MY NEW POWERS CAN'T TAKE ME BACK HOME.
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, MY DEAR.


AS I TOLD YOU FROM THE MOMENT WE MET, JENNIFER, YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD YOUR OWN POWER DEEP INSIDE.
AND AS YOU DISCOVERED TODAY, THAT POWER COMES FROM SIMPLY BELIEVING IN YOURSELF. YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AS LONG AS YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT.
NOW ALL YOU NEED DO IS TRULY BELIEVE YOU WANT TO GO HOME AND CLICK THE MAGIC SLIPPERS TOGETHER THREE TIMES.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BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU HOW HARD IT IS FOR ME TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU ALL.
NOW I KNOW I'VE GOT A HEART, BECAUSE I CAN FEEL IT BREAKING.
I NEVER THOUGHT THE THING I'D BE MOST SCARED OF IS LOSING YOU.
NOTHING WILL EVER BE STRONGER THAN MY FEELINGS FOR YOU, JEN.
CLICK CLICK CLICK

OOOOHHH... WHAT HIT ME?
OH, I REMEMBER NOW!
HEY, SIT-'N'-SPIN!!
GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT, EH, DOLL?
I JUST LEARNED A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF AND WANNA PASS IT ON!
WHAT THE--?! HOW CAN YOU...?
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! YOU CAN'T--
SHEER FORCE OF WIND, MEET SHEER FORCE OF WILL!
YOU BETTER BELIEVE I CAN!
THWAM
I CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AS LONG AS I PUT MY MIND TO IT!
WOW, I THOUGHT YOU WERE DOWN FOR THE COUNT THERE, JEN.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU!
NEITHER DID I, MUNCHKIN. NEITHER DID I.
END.

Shadowcat